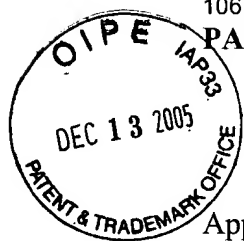


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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This amendment is a reply to the Office Action mailed on June 14, 2005 in connection with the above-identified application. The time set for filing a response to the Office Action expired on September 14, 2005. Applicants hereby submit a petition for a three-month extension of time and enclose a check for the associated fee. Accordingly, the time for responding to the Office Action now expires on December 14, 2005. Thus, this amendment is timely filed.

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